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Meet Maryland's Six Women State Legislator

Maryland's six women members of the State Legislature have varied backgrounds—homemakers, business and professional women—but they all have one big interest in common—the feeling of being able to serve their communities at the state level.

The first lady elected senator from the Eastern Shore, Mary L. Nock of Wicomico County just "grew up in politics" and can never remember a time when she did not have something to do on election day, if only to go with somebody to the polls.

She was a member of the House of Delegates from 1946 to 1954. This is her second term as senator.

She said:

"As a housewife, I am conscious of what a budget means and therefore am interested that the legislature balance the budget. I am also very much interested in State Roads. In fact, I keep posted on all matters and try to give as much individual attention as possible to all bills.

Frances Holub, 2nd Dist., Baltimore, is thrilled at being a member of House of Representatives. She thinks it is the finest job anyone can have.

Her special interests are education and banking. She says she will work hard for the Obscene Literature Bill and the Movie Censor Bill.

Born in Baltimore and educated in public schools, Mrs. Holub is married and has one son and four grandchildren. She is president of the Loyal Ladies Auxiliary of Young Men's Bohemian Democratic Club, a post she has held for 10 years. She also has served 13 years as its secretary.

Additionally, she is a past president of the James C. Ludwig Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, and a member of Altar Society and Sodality of St. Wenceslaus Church.

A NATIVE Baltimorean, Mrs. Irma George Dixon, formerly a teacher, is a business woman and owns her own dress shop at 1906 McCulloh St.

She is a graduate of Coppin Teachers College and received her BS from Morgan State College. Her dog, Pal, is her companion and greets all customers in her shop.

Her great grandfather, the Rev. M. G. Hoskins, of North Carolina, who lived many years in Baltimore, was among the first ordained

Presbyterian ministers and among the first to graduate at Biddle University in North Carolina, now Johnson C. Smith University. Mrs. Dixon takes an active part in the work of Grace Presbyterian Church.

She is a member of the National Council of Negro Women and a life member of its guild; a member of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Citizens Planning and Housing Assn., a former member of executive board of the Urban League; was on Advisory Board of Dept. of Welfare, and is a member of National Assn., for Advancement of Colored People, Young Women's Christian Assn., Chesapeake Club, and School Marm's Club.

She said her special interests at the Legislature were schools and welfare.

MRS. VERDA F. WEL-COME was born in North Carolina but has lived in Baltimore 30 years. She is the wife of Dr. Henry C. Welcome and they have a 15-year-old daughter. Her special interest at the Legislature is for all State Teachers Colleges to be accredited, as some are not.

She received her BS at Morgan State College, and her MA from New York

University, and has done further post-graduate work at Columbia University. She taught in Baltimore Public Schools for 11 years.

Mrs. Welcome is president of the Northwest Improvement Assn., and of the auxiliary to the Monumental Medical Society. Is a life member and past regional director of National Council of Negro Women; a member of Colored Women's Democratic Club, the Mt. Royal Democratic Club, the League of Women Voters, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Americans for Democratic Action and the Urban League. She is also a life member of the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Also member of Board of Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, the Metropolitan YWCA, Citizens Planning and Housing Association, United Improvement and Civic Assn. of Baltimore City, Lafayette Square Community Council and Harlem Park Executive Committee for Urban Renewal. She is vice-president of Mondawmin Neighborhood Assn., and past president of Women's Cooperative Civil League, and works on many other organizations. She is a member of Grace Presbyterian Church.

MARGARET SCHWEINH-AUT, of Montgomery county, is serving her second

term. Her big interests for work in this legislature are education, welfare and health, handicapped children, and to establish an official Commission on problems of ageing, House Bill No. 1. She introduced the first bill for establishment of Forestry Camps for Delinquent Boys, as there are now but three camps in Maryland.

Mrs. Schweinhaut, wife of Judge Henry A. Schweinhaut of the U. S. Dist. Court and mother of two daughters, attended public school, George Washington University and the National University Law School.

FORMER PRESIDENT of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, and now a legislative chairman, Mrs. Edna P. Cook, of Montgomery County, is a combination teacher, educator, mother and homemaker. Her special interests in this Legislature are welfare and education.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Cook has lived in Maryland for 29 years. She received her AB degree from Western College, Oxford, Ohio, and did graduate work at Miami University. She was associate professor of mathematics at Western College for three years and was a substitute teacher in Denver, Col. and Charles County, Md.

She was a member of Board of Managers, National Congress of Parents and Teachers for seven years; on

Advisory Committee, OPA, 1942 to 1946; a member of Emergency Commission for Atomic Information, executive committee 1942-1946; a delegate to the Women's Joint Congressional Committee 1942 to 1950; and attended Eleanor Roosevelt's conference for 100 outstanding women of the United States at White House in 1943.

She also served on numerous White House Conferences on Children and Youth, Safety, Health and Juvenile delinquency, education; on many Maryland committees.

She is an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and education chairman of Silver Spring Branch, and of Inter-Branch Council, Montgomery County, AAU. She is a member of Episcopal Church and United Women's Organization. Her husband, Stanley G. Cook, is a chemist. M.K.G.

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